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1976 ON TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

DEPT ALSO PASS AMBASSADOR GERALD F. TAPE

1. IAEA DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS (FISCHER)
CONTACTED MISSION TODAY TO INFORM US THAT AGENCY REP.
(SKJOELDEBRAND) AT AIF/ANS MEETING IN WASHINGTON AT
END OF OCTOBER (WHOSE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED PROPOSED
AGENCY PROGRAM OF MEETINGS FOR PERIOD 1975-76)
RETURNED TO VIENNA WITH REPORT OF PLANS, APPARENTLY
RATHER FAR ADVANCED, FOR AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY AND
EUROPEAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY TO JOINTLY ORGANIZE MAJOR
CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD IN TEHRAN SOMETIME DURING 1976,
ON SUBJECT OF TRAHER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SKJOELDEBRAND HAD REPORTED NO
OTHER DETAILS.

2. FISCHER INQUIRED WHETHER MISSION KNEW ANTHING OF
THIS PROPOSED CONFERENCE; MISSION REPLIED THIS WAS FIRST
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WE HAD HEARD OF IT BUT WE WOULD PASS INQUIRY ALONG TO

WASHINGTON. FISCHER NOTED THAT, QUITE ASIDE FROM OBVIOUS POTENTIAL SENSITIVITIES ON THIS SUBJECT AS PHRASED ABOVE AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE IN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR AFFAIRS, SUCH CONFERENCE COULD EASILY CUT ACROSS AGENCY PLANS FOR MAJOR CONFERENCE DURING 1977 ON WORLD OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS FOR NUCLEAR POWER. FISCHER SAID AGENCY WOULD PASS THIS INFO ALONG TO DG EKLUND, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK, WITH SUGGESTION THAT HE CONTACT AMBASSADOR TAPE FOR ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND WHICH THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT PROVIDE.

3. IN SAME CONTEXT, FISCHER RAISED MATTER OF SOME SORT OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AGENCY AND AIF/ANS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS PROGRAMS OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THESE BODIES TO ENSURE COORDINATION AND PREVENT DUPLICATION TO MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE. HE NOTED THAT ENTIRE QUESTION OF ACCORDING FORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH IAEA HAD BEEN IN LIMBO SINCE COLD WAR DAYS IN EARLY 1960S AND IT WAS PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT WORTH TRYING TO REVIVE SUCH FORMAL ARRANGEMENT, BUT HE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN ANS AND IAEA THAT THEY WOULD CONSULT IN FUTURE ON PLANS FOR MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY LARGE-SCALE SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS INVOLVING SUBSTANTIAL PARTICIPATION BY INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMUNITY IN NUCLEAR FIELD. MISSION REMARKED THAT IDEA STRUCK US AT FIRST SIGHT AS WORTH FURTHER EXPLORATION AND DISCUSSION, AND SAID WE WOULD PASS ALONG.

4. SUGGEST AMBASSADOR TAPE MAY WISH TO CONTACT ANS TO OBTAIN FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THIS PROPOSED CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR EKLUND CONTACT WITH HIM. SUGGEST ALSO THAT THIS WOULD BE CHANCE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN ANS AND IAEA ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY FISCHER PARA 3 ABOVE.

5. IN ADDITION, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND AVAILABLE TO DEPT. AEC OR OTHER INTERESTED USG AGENCIES ON PLANS FOR THIS PROPOSED CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS INVOLVEMENT (IF ANY) OF ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENTAL OR OTHERWISE PROGRAM FOR CONFERENCE, AND EXPECTED SCOPE AND LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION.

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